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The Honorable David Wilson
Senate Health & Social Services Chair
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Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dave Jones; I am the Assistant Superintendent for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District (KPBSD). As part of my duties and responsibilities for KPBSD, I serve as the Plan Administrator for our self-funded health care plan. Rising health care costs continue to be the biggest cost driver in our annual budget and we need your help to control these costs.

The required disclosure of health care costs brought about by CSHB 123(HSS) will allow our employees to make cost efficient decisions that will lower the amount of money spent on health care services. I also believe the requirements in this bill will lead to cost accountability that will result in the lowering of fees charged in the health care industry in Alaska.

The reduced medical costs brought about by this bill will free up dollars currently being spent on medical care and allow us to move those dollars back into the classroom where they belong. This allows you to assist KPBSD with our budget problems, without raising revenue.

I am writing to you today to ask that you please move CSHB 123(HSS) forward with a positive recommendation for passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input, and please let me know if you have questions for me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Jones".

Dave Jones
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